

Sadhan Kuthir areas of the town are shrinking and about one lakh people have been affected; and

(b) if so, the steps the Government propose to take to stop subsidence and to compensate the affected people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) As per information received from Coal India Limited (CIL), Katras More, Chouthai Kulhi, Hosanabad areas including the house named 'Sadhan Kutir', in and around the Jharia town which have unauthorised building constructed over land vested with Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) are vulnerable to subsidence. BCCL has been publishing appeals in local newspapers informing the residents about the situation and requesting them to vacate.

Subsequent to appearance of tension cracks on surface buildings at Katras More on 27.10.1996, district Administration after site investigation have estimated 219 houses in these localities to have developed cracks. According to an 'Expert Committee' cracks affecting the houses have developed due to movements in the old goaves triggered by underground fire.

(b) Dy Commissioner, Dhanbad after inspecting the affected sites is of the opinion that shifting of inhabitants in houses over non-coal bearing areas is the only solution. District Administration has requested the State Government of Bihar for financial assistance for initiating action to shift the affected persons. Deputy Commissioner, Dhanbad requested BCCL to pay Rs 15 lakhs purely on compassionate and humanitarian grounds for helping such affected families who are poor. This request of Deputy Commissioner, Dhanbad has been acceded to by the BCCL management.

#### Export Quota for Powerloom Sector

501. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the textiles export quota for powerloom sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the likely impact of such increase on powerloom sector and country's economy?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) : (a) to (c) In the new Textile Export Entitlement Policy (Quota Policy) 1997-99 announced on 14.10.96, the percentage level of Powerloom Exporters' Entitlement (PEE) System has been increased from 5% to 10%.

It is too early to make an accurate assessment on the likely impact of such increase on powerloom sector and country's economy.

#### Backlog of SCs/STs in Banks

502. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of backlog of SC/ST posts in the nationalised banks during the last one year which still remaining unfilled;

(b) the steps taken to clear the backlog;

(c) whether Government propose to fix some target date for clearance of this backlog; and

(d) if so, the probable date thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) As per available information, the total backlog in respect of 19 nationalised banks is as under :-

(Data Provisional)

Cadre	Backlog as on 1.7.1996	
	SC	ST
Officers	108	62
Clerks	553	445
Sub-staff	297	613

(b) the steps taken by the Government from time to time to fill up the reserved vacancies for SCs and STs in nationalised banks have been as under :-

- (1) Special recruitment drives have been carried out during the years 1989, 1990, 1992, 1993-94 and 1995-96.
- (2) The recruitment and representation position of the SCs and STs in the nationalised banks is reviewed through a comprehensive proforma by the Boards of Directors of each of the nationalised banks every six months and the position is being reported to the Government;
- (3) Pre-recruitment training is being imparted by all banks to the candidates appearing for the BSRB examinations;
- (4) Establishment of Centres for examination nearest to the areas of concentration of the ST population; and
- (5) Banks have been advised to hold training workshops for the personnel working in their SC/ST cells to make them fully aware of the need for implementation of the reservation policy.

(c) and (d). No cut off date can be fixed for clearance of backlog as many nationalised banks have signed Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with Reserve Bank of India which inter-alia prohibit fresh